



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

November 19, 1996

Rebecca Roczen Carley, MD
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RE: MUR 4544

Dear Dr. Carley:

Thank you for your letter of November 8, 1996, which we received in our office on November 14th. Your letter raises several points which we are pleased to address below, ordered in response to each of your three main concerns.

I am sorry you feel that we have been untruthful in our response to your complaint. Please permit us to explain the circumstances. Your original letter was received by Chairman Elliott's office on Friday, October 25, 1996. After review and determination that your letter constituted a complaint under the applicable statute and regulations, it was forwarded to Central Enforcement Docket for appropriate action on Monday, October 28, 1996. Our response to you reflected the date received here in our office rather than the date received in the Chairman's office. We apologize for any misunderstanding concerning our actual date of receipt this may have caused.

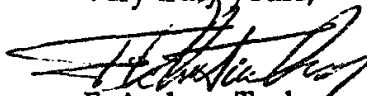
We still have not received a copy of the videotape you ordered from C-SPAN for delivery to our office as referenced in your complaint, despite renewed searches for it. We will continue to search for this videotape to ensure that it is included with your complaint, and will advise you if we locate it. In the mean time, we would be most appreciative if you could share with us any information you may obtain from C-SPAN concerning shipment of the tape.

Please be assured that prompt action was taken on your complaint. Copies of your complaint were forwarded to the identified respondents within five business days, in accordance with 2 U.S.C. §437g. Under the law, respondents may submit responses within fifteen days of their receipt of the complaint. While I do not know the precise reason for the anomaly between the date on our letter and the post-mark date, we make every effort to process complaints in accordance with the governing law as quickly as possible. As you

can imagine, our volume was quite heavy in the final weeks leading up to this year's election which, though not offered as an excuse, may be a factor which helps to explain this discrepancy.

Thank you again for your letter. We will notify you as soon as the Federal Election Commission takes final action on your complaint. In the mean time, please forward any additional information on the original complaint to us at the above address.

Very truly yours,



F. Andrew Turley
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Central Enforcement Docket